

1 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A lighted ring toy with consumable portion
comprising:

5 a housing containing a power source and an electrical
circuit, the housing having an upwardly extending portion for
supporting a consumable portion;

10 a finger-grasping portion extending from the housing for
engagement with the finger of a user; and

 an illuminating element connectable to the electrical
circuit and the power source to illuminate the consumable
portion.

15 2. The lighted ring toy of claim 1 wherein:

 the illuminating element is disposed within the upwardly
extending portion of the housing, and

20 the upwardly extending portion of the housing is capable
of transmitting at least a portion of the light from the
illuminating element.

3. The lighted ring toy of claim 1 wherein:

25 the electrical circuit has at least one electrical
contact for completing the electrical circuit in a contacting
position thereof; and

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1 the ring toy further comprises a removable insulator
disposed adjacent the electrical contact in a non-contacting
position to interrupt the electrical circuit.

5 4. The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein said at
least one electrical contact comprises a resilient electrical
conductor mechanically biased relative to the power source to
complete the electrical circuit in said contacting position
thereof.

10 5. The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein:

 the power of source includes at least one button battery;

 said at least one electrical contact abuts a terminal of
the button battery; and
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 a ring of insulating material is disposed between the
electrical contact and the battery terminal to prevent
shorting of the battery.

20 6. The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein the power
source is configured to illuminate the consumable portion for
a preselected period of time sufficient to consume it, and
thereafter to expire.

25 7. The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein the
removable insulator is made of coated paper.

 8. The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein the
removable insulator comprises a synthetic polymeric material.

1 9. The lighted ring toy of claim 7 wherein the
removable insulator comprises Mylar.

5 10. The lighted ring toy of claim 1 wherein a circuit
board is integrated into the electrical circuit to cause the
illuminating element to flash.

10 11. The lighted ring toy of claim 9 wherein the circuit
board includes at least one integrated circuit configured as a
flasher.

15 12. The lighted ring toy of claim 1 wherein the
illuminating element is an LED of the flashing type.